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Item 1

Individualized Education Program plan meetings will no longer be covered

- Effective for dates of service of May 1, 2002 and later.
- Billing codes of Z9571, Z9563, and Z9569 are affected.
- Federal Medicaid office decision.
- Claims prior to May 1, 2002 may be billed up to one year.
- DMAS will be issuing a mailing to schools and other providers.

Item 2

DMAS plans to add transportation coverage from home to school for children in special education

- Senate Bill 465, patron Senator Puller.
- Transportation only on days the child has a DMAS covered service at the school such as physical therapy.
- Standard school bus transportation not covered
- Transportation has to be in the child's IEP.
- DMAS needs to submit a reimbursement method to the federal Medicaid oversight office for approval. DMAS will reimburse the federal share of the payment amount for the trip.
- Lowest cost provider is important.
- This transportation is not under the DMAS transportation brokerage system. DMAS will directly administer this coverage.

<u>Item 3-</u> This Item addresses claims submitted to DMAS by rehabilitation agencies and other providers for school-based services for children in special education. This became an issue with the Medallion II expansion on December 1, 2001, especially in western Virginia.

- I. For claims with dates-of-service December 2001-June 2002
- For billing DMAS, any affected school division is to enroll with DMAS as a provider.
- The school division bills DMAS for the service and is reimbursed the federal share only.
- DMAS will reimburse the state funds for the service using information from the billing invoice. DMAS is working on the details of this process.
- II. For claims with dates of service July 1, 2002 and later
- Consistent with DMAS regulations on school-based services, only school divisions may bill for services recognized by DMAS for children qualifying under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

III. Immediate Administrative Tasks for DMAS

- Further work by DMAS is necessary to delineate the billing process and sharing this process with the school divisions and other providers.
- DMAS will issue a notice to school divisions and other providers describing the items under I and II. The Notice will include that other aspects of coverage continue to apply such as that the child was Medicaid enrolled on the day of service and a qualified provider rendered the service.
- DMAS school, rehabilitation, and other applicable provider manuals will be revised to reflect I and II.